

1. The Information Disclosure Statement filed 16 May 2008 has been considered and placed of record. The Information Disclosure Statement filed 17 July 2008 has not been considered because this Information Disclosure Statement fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) in that there is no concise explanation of the relevance of each document which is not in English.
2. Claims 1 through 20 remain allowed.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Bollinger whose telephone number is 571-272-6935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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